

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE TITLE**

Please amend the title as follows:

IMAGE INPUT ~~DEVICE~~ APPARATUS

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

**Cross reference to Prior Application**

This is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/013617, filed October 24, 2003, and claims benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-310375, filed October 25, 2002 which is incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on May 6, 2004 as WO 2004/039071 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).